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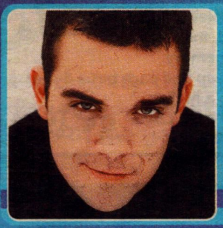

Good cause

Some of your favourite stars get together to raise money for charity

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First knight

Discover all you need to know about the legend of King Arthur

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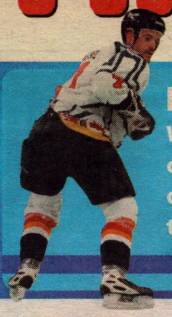

Ice hockey star

We get the lowdown on Jason Campeau, one of the top players at the London Knights

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SCOOBY-DOO! in THE OGRE OF O'HARE

The story so far: Shaggy and Scooby are trapped on an aeroplane with an unconscious pilot and a leopard!

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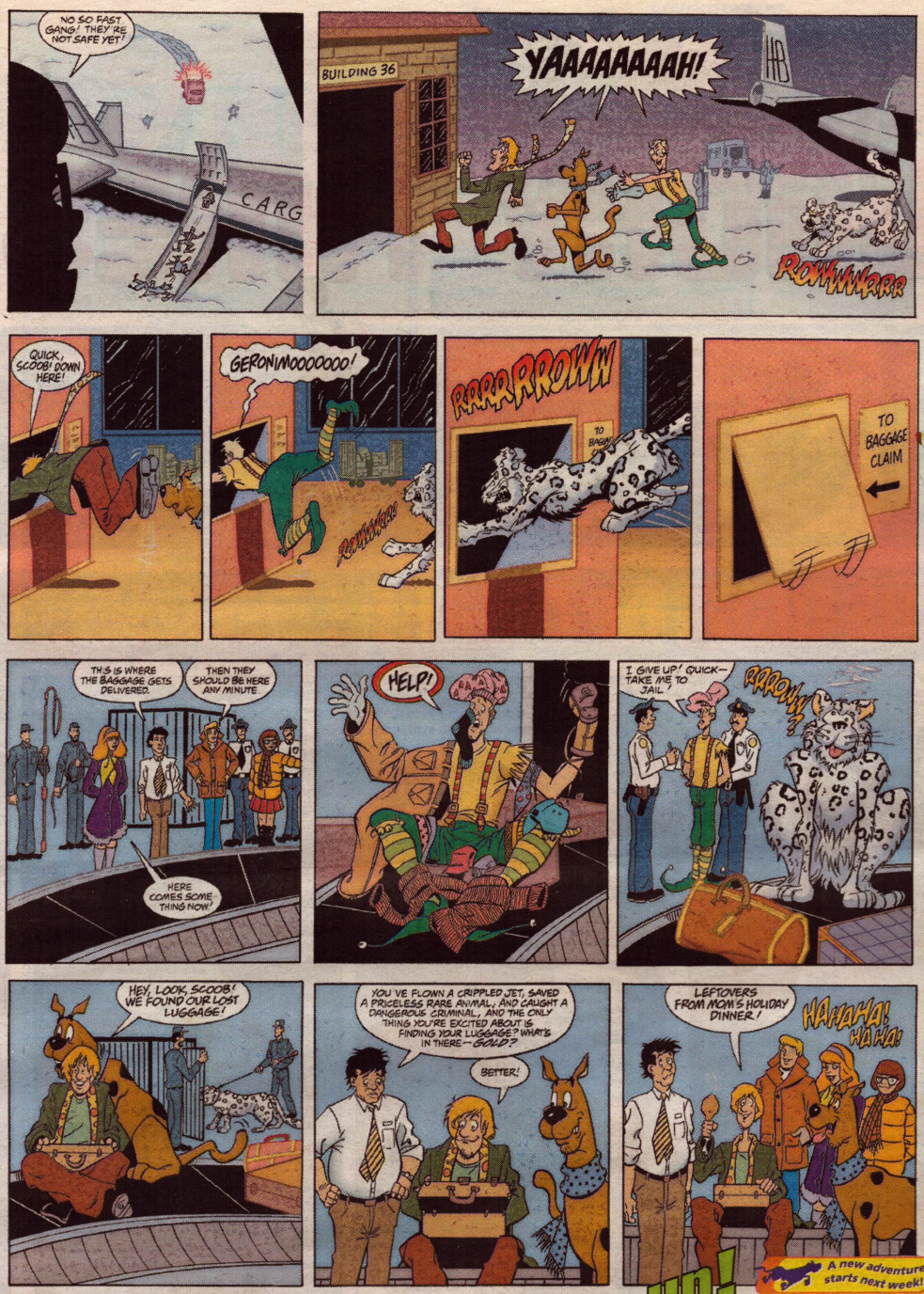

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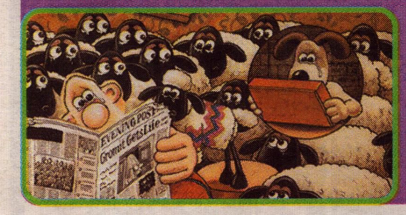
CATCH SCOOBY DOO EVERY DAY ON CARTOON NETWORK

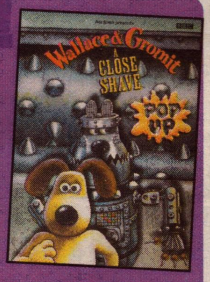
Wallace & Gromit pop up!

Now you can watch the world of Nick Park's Wallace & Gromit literally spring into action in an ingenious new pop-up book, which captures all the freshness and fun of his Oscar-winning film Wallace & Gromit A Close Shave.



Wallace & Gromit A Close Shave Pop-up Book is a remarkable feat of paper engineering. It brings all the characters you love to life from Gromit's bungee-jumping window cleaning to the terrifying grind of the Knit-O-Matic! All you have to do is turn the pages and pull the tabs!

We've got five copies of Wallace & Gromit A Close Shave Pop-up Book from BBC Worldwide Publishing to give away. Exclusive to The Funday Times, each one is signed by Wallace & Gromit's creator Nick Park.



To win, tell us who the owner of the local wool shop is in Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave.

Answers to The Fun Club address, above, by November 11

Send f-mail, cartoons and competition answers to us at: The Fun Club, PO Box 15, Wetherby LS23 7TL

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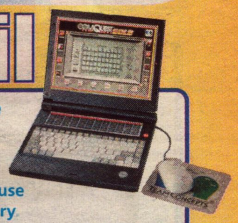
f-mail



The star letter will receive the Comquest Gold electronic computer from Team Concepts, complete with keyboard, mouse and built-in memory. Two runners-up will each get a Super Mega Quiz, a hi-tech game with over 2,500 built-in questions.

TEAM CONCEPTS

Dear f-mail,
When I first heard of shampoo companies testing their products on animals I was angry and upset. But I was horrified to discover that they don't only test the cleaning ability of the shampoo on small animals like rabbits, they also drip shampoo directly into rabbits' eyes to test how much it stings!
I think this is extremely cruel and unnecessary. I don't see why some shampoo firms continue to do this when others don't and are just, if not more, successful.
As a consumer I will be very careful about which shampoo I choose in the future and check the label before buying.
Ffion Williams, age 12, Old Colwyn

Dear f-mail,
One Christmas Eve when I was a baby, my dad went to put the milk bottles out on the door step. It was night time and the wind blew the door shut. I was asleep in the house and my dad couldn't get back in. He was wearing his red dressing gown and slippers. He decided to walk to the nearby hospital where a friend, who had our spare keys, worked. On the way home it started to snow. I wonder if anyone thought dad was Father Christmas as he trudged along, with his beard covered in snow. I was too young to remember anything about it but I'm proud of my dad!
Oliver Jones, age 7, Alton

Dear f-mail,
My grandmother was coming for tea without grandad, so she had to drive herself. She was over an hour late – very unusual for her as she is usually a strict timekeeper.
When she eventually turned up she explained: "The right indicator on the car doesn't work – so I could only keep taking left turns!"
No wonder she was late!
Ryan Matthew, age 7, Cheshunt

The FUN Club

Top gear

Get up to speed with these great new bikes and jeeps from the Lego System Adventurers and the Technic range.

There are three exclusive boxed Lego sets to start your collection off, so look out for tokens on special packs of Kellogg's Corn Flakes and Kellogg's Choco Corn Flakes. In exchange for eight tokens, a special Lego set could be yours for free.

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To get you in a racing mood, we're offering one lucky winner and their family (two adults and two children) the chance to visit Italy next September to see the Italian Grand Prix in Monza. The trip includes return flights, three nights accommodation and tickets to the race.

Two runners-up will get a Lego Red Hot Machine, which sports alloy wheels and a V6 engine – there's even a free CD Rom to help you with your construction and design.

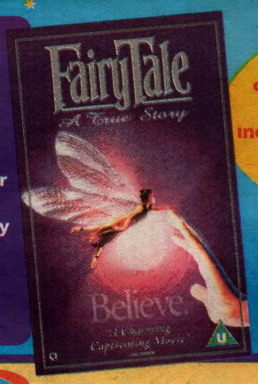
To win, tell us what nationality racing driver Michael Schumacher is.

Answers to The Fun Club address, on page 2, by November 11

Fairy story

If you missed Fairy Tale – A True Story at the cinema, then here's your chance to see it for the very first time.

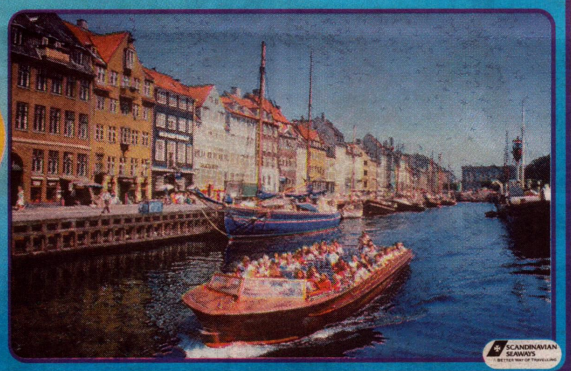
The story of two young girls who claim to have photographed fairies at the bottom of their garden is now available to buy on video from Warner Family Entertainment (Certificate U).



One lucky winner and their family (two adults and two children) will win a fabulous weekend trip to Copenhagen (the package includes your travel and accommodation) and a copy of the video.

Ten runners-up will get a copy of the video.

To win, tell us the name of the great fairy tale writer who came from Copenhagen.



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CARTOON STAR

WIN

Get creative and you could win some great gear from Nickelodeon Yikes! The Cartoon Star will get a cool limited-edition Nickelodeon Yikes mountain bike plus a goody bag full of groovy writing stuff like Screwballs and Goofballs black lead pencils, Fountain Of All Knowledge cartridge pens and No Brainer and Pinwheel erasers.

Runners-up get a goody bag!

Nickelodeon Yikes!

STAR

Azhar Ali, age 12, Rochdale

What happens if you eat too many nuts?

You start cracking up.

Gary Fenn, age 13, Moreton-on-Pugg

What bird can write underwater?

A ball point penguin!

Christiana Spens, age 11, Fife

What do you give a pig with a with a sore nose?

Oinkment!

Asterix and the Normans

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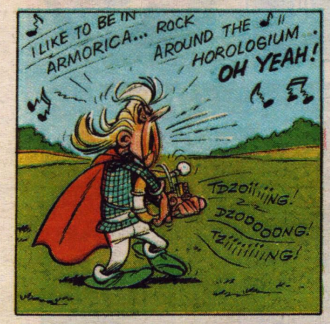

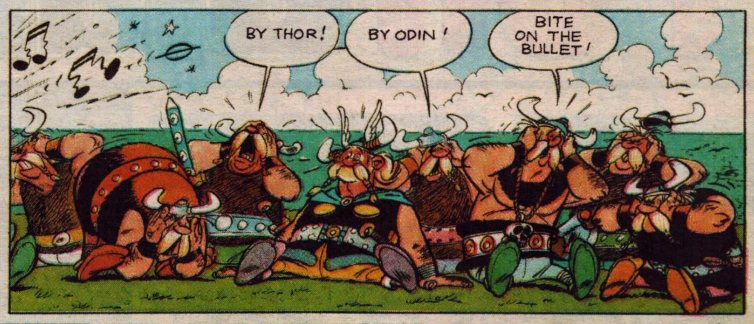

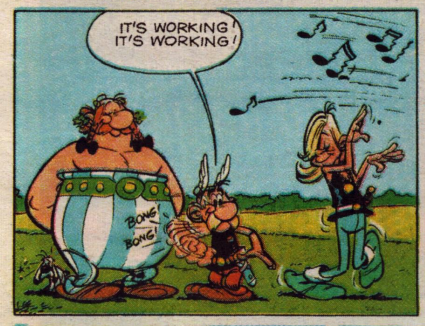

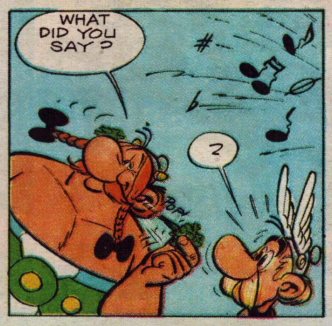

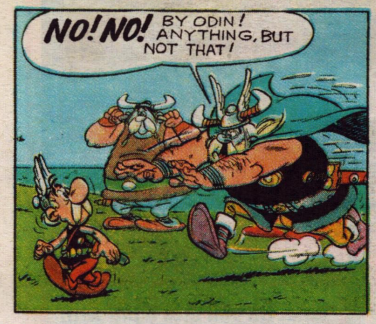

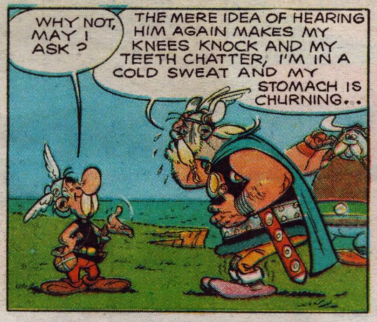

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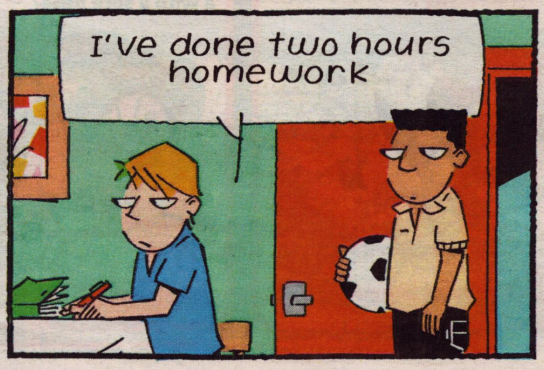
Jarvis



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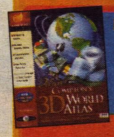

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If you write to us via the Internet you have the chance to win these interactive prizes from The Learning Company. The star e-mail wins Comptons 3D World Atlas and Comptons Encyclopedia of Animals and Nature. Runners-up will win one of either.

I have a mystery for you. What are the barcodes that you see on posts on main roads for? I've been trying to find out for ages. My grandad thinks they must have been put there to help passing aeroplanes find their way. More seriously, I think that it's wrong that people can put things all over the country without letting the public know what they're for. Can anyone help me solve this mystery?
Robert Parker

Why do people use paperclips when they can use staples? Staples are much smaller so they use less metal. With this saved metal we could build cars for people who do not have them. I like your newspaper because it uses staples instead of paperclips. If you used paperclips I would not buy it and I would tell my friends not to buy it either.
James Johnson

Just the other day I was reading a magazine, when I got to the "embarrassing experiences" page and the story I was most drawn to was about two girls who went on holiday to Lanzarote. Just before they went they had their hair bleached. They were swimming and when they got out everyone was looking at them. Their hair had turned GREEN!
Nicola Roberts

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Get your toes tapping!

The pop jig, Tell Me Ma, will either get you dancing or it'll drive you crazy in about two minutes flat. It's already been a smash hit in Ireland, and new band Sham Rock hope to repeat its success in the UK. Lead singer Anne Hamilton told us that despite the group's heavy Irish theme, she's got a confession to make. "Although my family is Irish, I was brought up in England, so I don't have an Irish accent at all. But when we released the single in Ireland, they seemed to forgive me for that. And if you look at the video, you'll notice that I don't do any of the Irish dancing – because I have two left feet." Anne's two children are excited to think that mum might make an appearance on Top Of The Pops. "We hope to be on," she told us. "My kids would really like me to meet B*Witched, Steps and The Backstreet Boys. And I wouldn't mind having a chat with The Corrs and Natalie Imbruglia." Anne's also hoping for a big hit, so that she can buy a new car. "I was lucky the record company sent a taxi for me today," she moaned. "Because mine broke down on the motorway last week – it was a complete nightmare."

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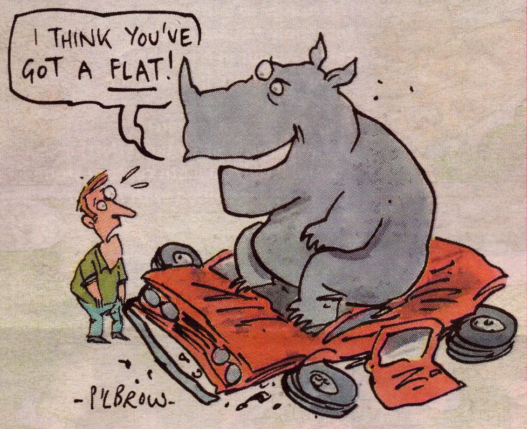
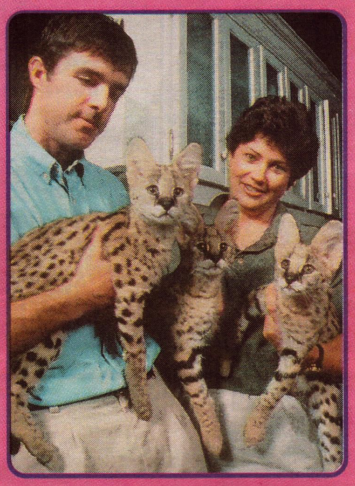
Just a little crush

Bill Webb couldn't believe his eyes as a two-ton rhino sidled up and sat on the bonnet of his car. Bill was on a visit to Bewdley safari park in the Midlands when the huge horned beast decided to take the weight of his hooves. Mr Webb tried to reverse out of trouble. But, with smoke pouring from his overheating tyres, he found he was totally trapped until park wardens managed to ease the resting rhino off his crumpled pride and joy!



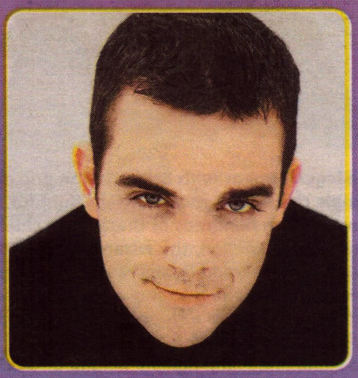


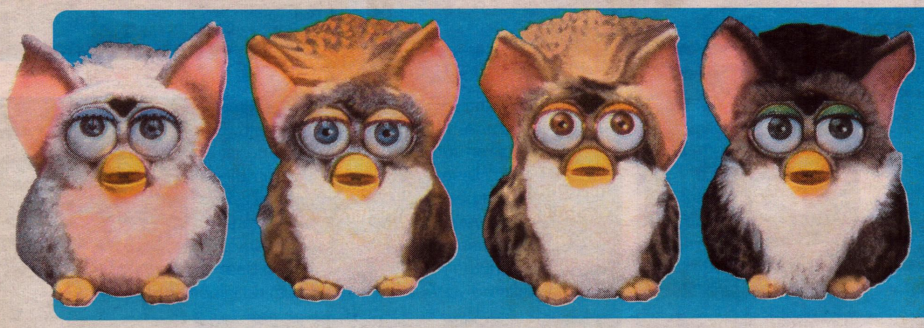
We're all ears

Don't try whispering around these three strange-looking creatures – they've got the most amazing hearing! The trio of African servals were snapped during a routine examination at Busch Gardens, Tampa Bay's animal nursery, in Florida. Their unusually large ears are used to detect prey and warn against predators in the wild, and the spritely cats can jump an incredible 3m into the air to catch passing prey. Still young, these servals were born on May 1 at the park.

Gee whiz!

A group of today's most popular pop stars have got together to record a tribute album of songs by 1970s super group the Bee Gees, to raise money for Live Challenge 99 – a charity for homelessness. Robbie Williams, Steps, Boyzone, Space, Cleopatra and 911 are just some of the stars who have taken part, by donating a track to the fab collection. Robbie recorded I Started a Joke with dance masters The Orb, and said: "I recorded this song because it's for a great cause and I could have a laugh doing it with The Orb. I think the best way to raise money for a cause is through music – there's a lot of people who haven't got a roof over their heads, and that needs to be addressed."





New best friend

Have you ever wished your pet could talk? If so, then check out cuddly little Furby. This cheeky interactive creature speaks his own language, called Furbish, but he's clever enough to learn English too – as long as you speak to him. If you put two Furbies in the same room, infrared technology allows them to speak to each other – and they'll be chatting away in no time! Be warned though – to keep him happy, you have to feed Furby and look after him. But don't worry – if you neglect him, he'll let you know by breaking wind!

Spellbound

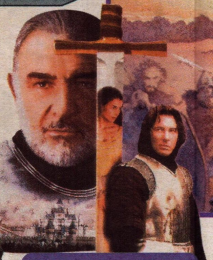
The Legend of King Arthur is nearly 1,500 years old but its blend of adventure, romance and magic still has the power to enthral people of all ages and backgrounds. This exciting, tear-jerking tale of the rise and fall of a charismatic king, of love and broken friendship and a lost Golden Age has been made into a Hollywood movie on more than one occasion. The most recent version, First Knight, starred Sean Connery and Richard Gere. Here Rosalind Kerven, author of a new King Arthur book, gives a synopsis of the story.

Although the story is a myth, many historians believe that Arthur was a real man who lived around the late 5th to early 6th centuries AD. There are references to a great warrior (probably not actually a king) called Arthur in a number of ancient manuscripts. But the most exciting revelation came in August this year when archaeologists at Tintagel (left) in Cornwall dug up a 6th century stone apparently inscribed with Arthur's name.

The legend opens with Britain in the grip of a terrible civil war as rival chieftans fight for the crown. When hundreds of these fierce chieftans converge on London, the wizard Merlin – "a tall, gaunt, long-bearded figure, muttering in strange tongues" – is waiting to show them a mysterious sword wedged into a stone with the inscription: "Where is the man who can pull the sword from the stone? He is the rightful king of Britain". To their shame none of the chieftans can pull out the sword. It is then that an unknown youth called Arthur steps forward – and to everyone's surprise – succeeds.

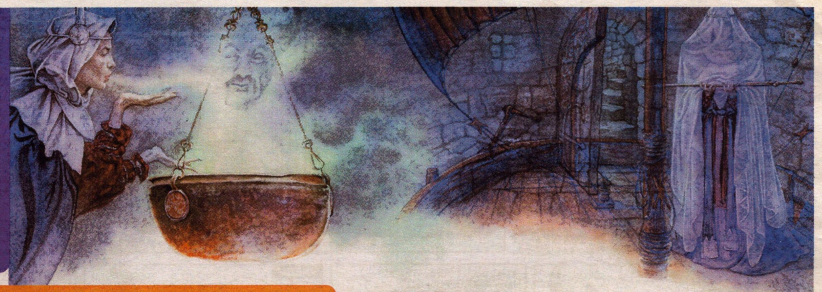
So Arthur is crowned king. With his strong personality and generous gifts of gold and land he wins over his rivals. He sets up a magnificent court at Camelot and marries the beautiful and talented Guinevere. The best warriors in the land become his knights and meet regularly at the Round Table where all men have an equal voice.

King Arthur and Guinevere's marriage portrayed in the 1981 film, Excalibur.



Sean Connery, Julia Ormond and Richard Gere starred in the 1995 film, First Knight.

King Arthur is now at the height of his power. His rule at Camelot has brought a golden age to Britain. But it's not long before things start to go wrong. First he loses the wise advice of Merlin when the wizard is imprisoned for eternity in a cave. Next, traitors appear from his inner circle of knights and plot to overthrow him.



The leader of these traitors is Arthur's own sister, a sorceress called Morgan le Fay. She steals Excalibur's magical scabbard so that Arthur is no longer protected by it, and then tries to murder him. When this fails she encourages King Arthur's best knight, Sir Lancelot, to fall in love with Queen Guinevere. Soon the whole court is breaking up amid wild rumours that the queen is having a treacherous affair.

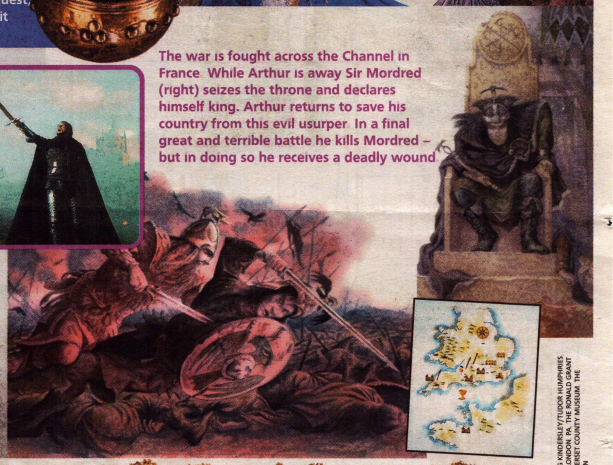
Queen Guinevere and Sir Lancelot

King Arthur tries to bring the knights back together by sending them off on an exciting quest; to find to the miraculous Holy Grail and bring it back to Britain. But, the quest fails miserably.

Another traitor, Sir Mordred, tells Arthur about Lancelot and Guinevere. This revelation shatters the peace and harmony of the Round Table. The law compels Arthur to punish his beloved wife by burning her at the stake. And he is forced to declare war against her lover – his former best friend.

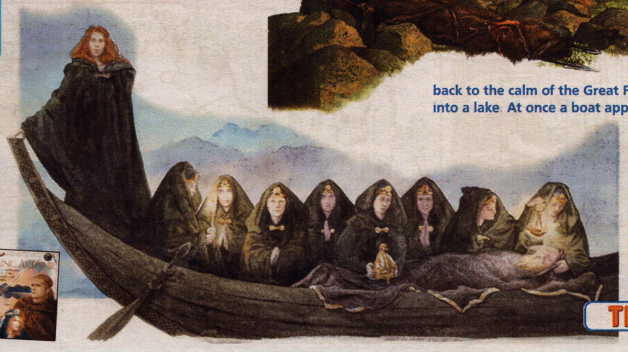
In a dramatic scene, Sir Lancelot sweeps in on horseback to rescue her from the flames. King Arthur generously offers to forgive her and to make peace with Lancelot. But the queen, broken-hearted by all that has happened, renounces glamour and glory to become a nun. Meanwhile knights on both sides push King Arthur and Sir Lancelot reluctantly into war.

The war is fought across the Channel in France. While Arthur is away Sir Mordred (right) seizes the throne and declares himself king. Arthur returns to save his country from this evil usurper. In a final great and terrible battle he kills Mordred – but in doing so he receives a deadly wound.



When Arthur declares that he wants a weapon fit for a king Merlin leads him into the Great Forest where the Lady of the Lake rises from a mist-shrouded pool to give him the mystical sword Excalibur. She warns him to take special care of its scabbard, as its magic will protect him against death from any wound.

According to legend, Merlin uses his powers to create the huge stone circle at Stonehenge.



However, all is not lost. Two of his loyal knights carry the dying king back to the calm of the Great Forest. Here they hurl Excalibur into a lake. At once a boat appears carrying nine chanting black-robed queens. They take King Arthur and sail away with him through the mist to be healed in a mysterious other world called Avalon. Here the story ends with the haunting promise that Arthur "shall never die for he is the once and future king."

The story of King Arthur has been told by countless story-tellers, poets, painters and dramatists since the Dark Ages. Rosalind Kerven's new version is now in the shops for £9.99, published by Dorling Kindersley.

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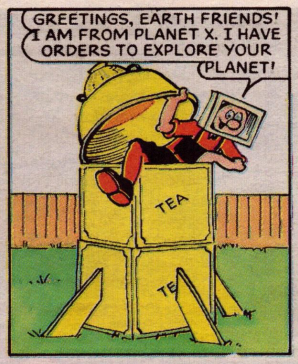

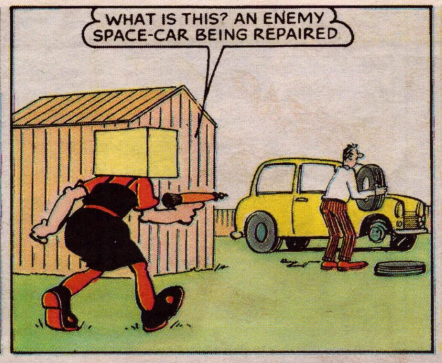

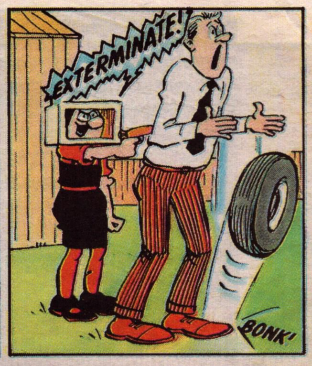

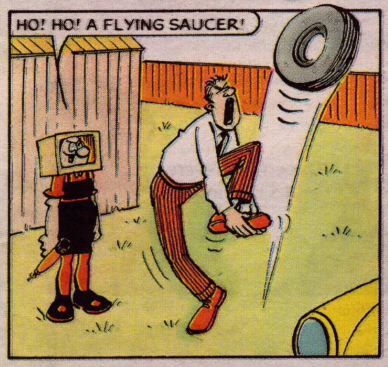

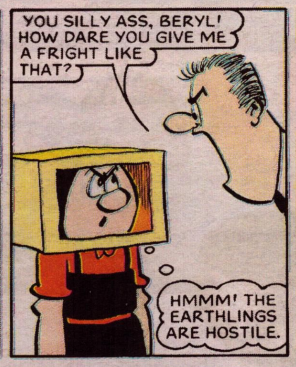

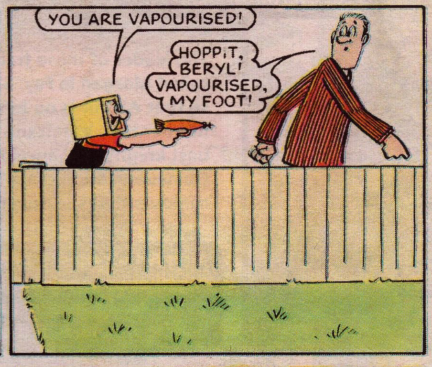

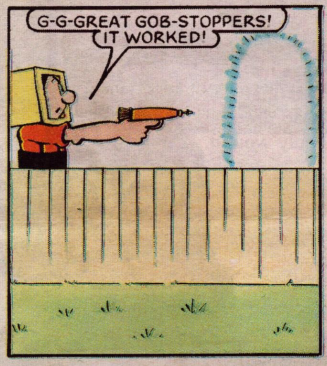

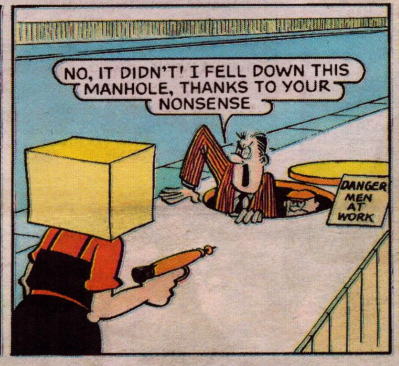

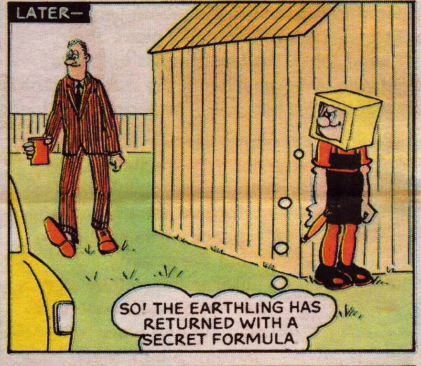

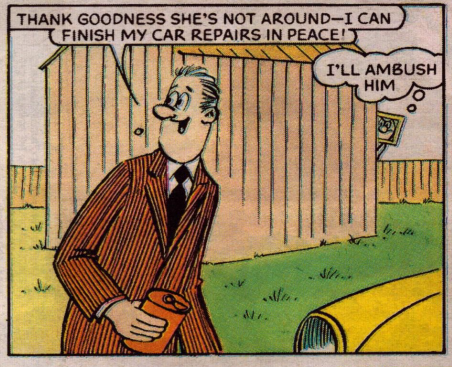

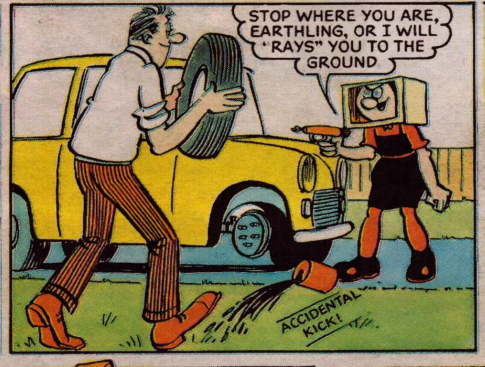

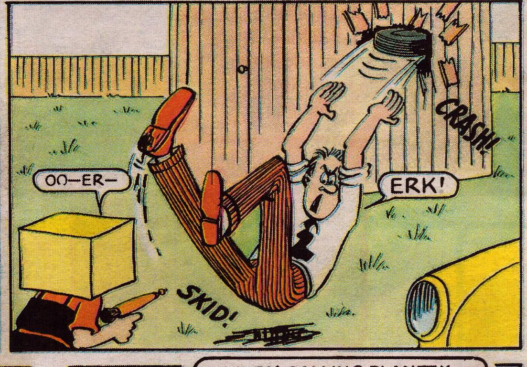

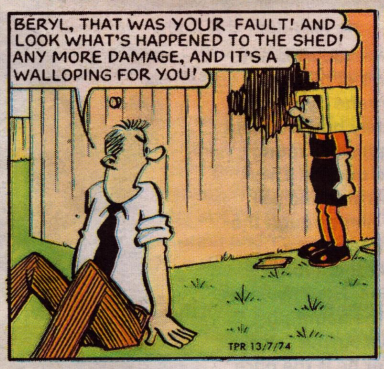

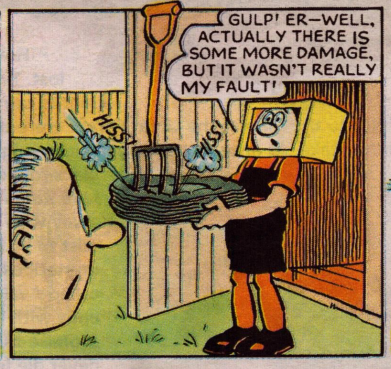

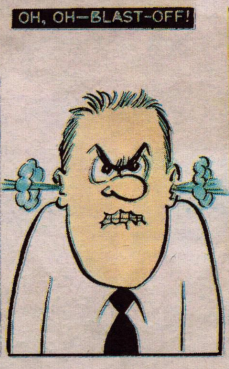

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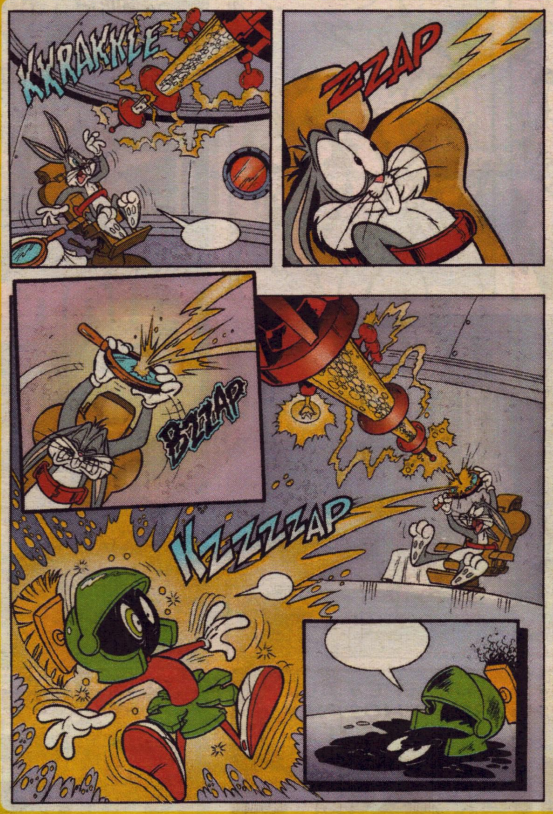
Poor dad! Beryl can be quite tiresome.

CREATE A CARTOON

Here's your chance to write your own cartoon strip!



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COOL

4 DAY WEEKEND The Bluetones

Mark Morriss, lead singer of indie band The Bluetones, is mad about movies, especially Manga cartoons. This explains why the band's latest video features the famous Japanese animation style. 4 Day Weekend has a mellow intro, but soon picks up tempo to become a toe-tapping indie rock track. But the best thing about the single is the video – in which the band themselves make appearances as cartoon characters. Although, we're not sure what the connection is between Manga and the song!

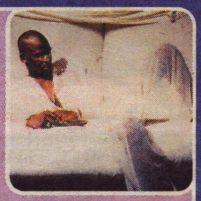
VIDEO

SPICEWORLD SPECIAL EDITION

If you're a big Spice fan, then this special edition video of Spiceworld The Movie is for you. The double pack includes a free 45-minute tape showing behind-the-scenes footage and special interviews with the girls. A lot has changed since the film was made – five became four, Posh changed her hairdo and now two babies are on the way. So, as a piece of Spice nostalgia and a memory of the way things were, this video is classic. It's also a great chance to see which Spice Girls learned their lines . . and which ones didn't!

SINGLE

HOME ALONE R Kelly



Don't worry, despite the dodgy title this song has got nothing to do with any of Macaulay Culkin's films. In fact, R Kelly has finally broken free of his association with movie theme tunes (remember Space Jam and Batman and Robin) and he's back on track with the release of a fresh double album next week – called R. Home Alone is one of the choice cuts from the album's whopping 30 tracks, and it's a cool, classy number. A mesmeric beat underpins a variety of casual rapping and R's signature singing. Welcome back Mr Kelly!

DAGSY DOG

with

vet Catherine Morganti

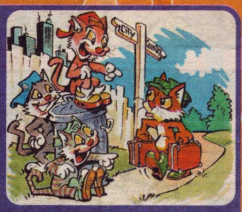
Dear Dagsy and Catherine,
How many breeds of birds are there?
Lucy Godsall

A bird is any vertebrate animal with feathers. They have very light skeletons and most birds can fly. Birds like the ostrich and the emu are too heavy to fly but can usually outrun their enemies. Others have small, weak wings, which keep them on land. Birds evolved from the dinosaurs, and develop from embryos inside eggs outside the mother's body.

Since records were first kept, it is thought that there have been nearly 10,000 different species of birds and at least 75 of them have become extinct. This is mainly due to habitat destruction such as clearing of forests and draining of swamps. Birds inhabit every continent and almost every island.

Fred, a Papillion, is Britain's oldest dog. Novartis Animal Health and Pedigree Chum held a competition earlier this year to find him. More than 3000 veterinary practices were asked to nominate any dog that might qualify for the title. Fred turned 27 last week, which is 150 in dog years!

Dear Dagsy and Catherine,
I have two cats called Oscar and Smudge. They used to live on a farm before they came to us. When they came to live in the city with us it must have been very strange and different for them. They have got used to it now.
Rowena Baker



Changing house is more of a problem for cats than moving from the country to the city. Cats take about three weeks to become accustomed to a new house and so should be kept indoors for this time. The main difference in the city is there is more traffic, and more cats. This can be interesting to your cat but also harmful because of fighting over territories.

Answers by: Catherine Morganti, Mark Bossley, Julie Summerfield

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:

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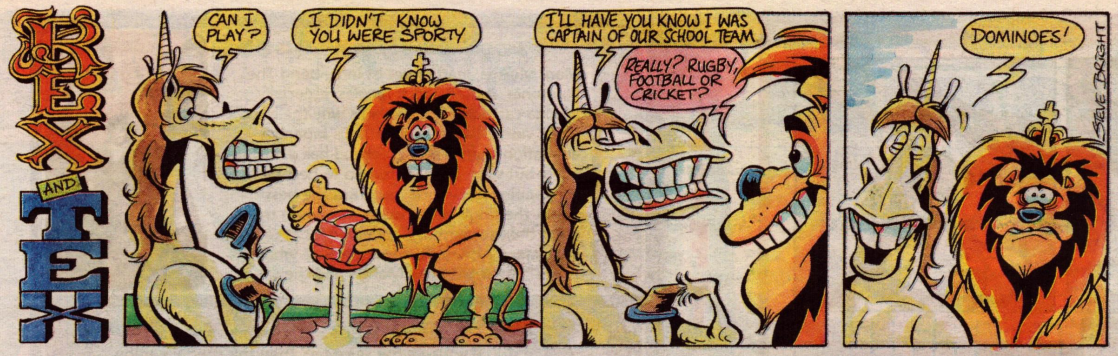
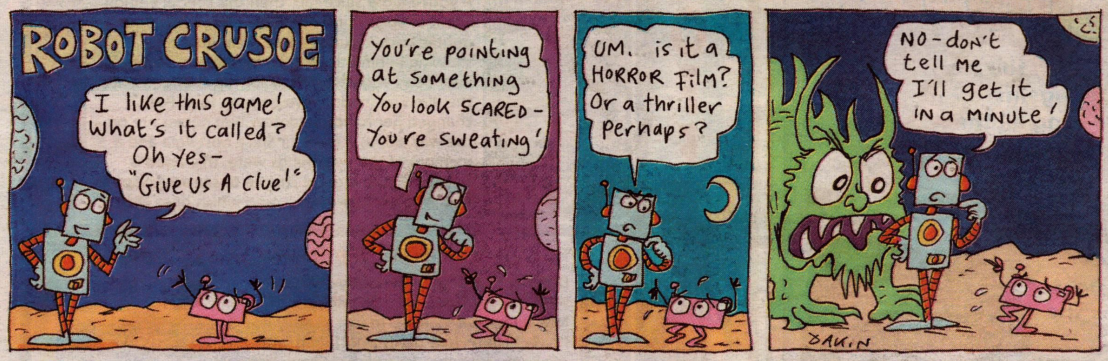
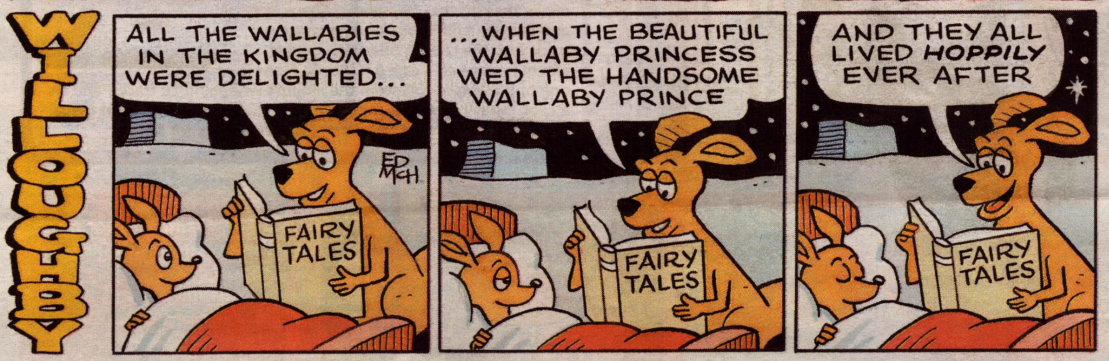
The Blue Cross, one of Britain's largest animal welfare charities, has three animals' hospitals, two veterinary clinics, 11 adoption centres and two equine centres nationally. Last year the charity found homes for more than 8,000 animals and treated more than 60,000 pets at its hospitals.

You can write to Dagsy and Catherine at their London address


REX AND TEX
CAN I PLAY?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SPORTY
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I WAS CAPTAIN OF OUR SCHOOL TEAM
REALLY? RUGBY, FOOTBALL OR CRICKET?
DOMINOES!
STEVE DARGHT


ROBOT CRUSOE
I like this game! What's it called? Oh yes- "Give Us A Clue!"
You're pointing at something. You look SCARED- You're sweating!
UM. is it a HORROR Film? Or a thriller perhaps?
NO- don't tell me I'll get it in a minute!
DAKIN


WILLOUGHBY
ALL THE WALLABIES IN THE KINGDOM WERE DELIGHTED...
...WHEN THE BEAUTIFUL WALLABY PRINCESS WED THE HANDSOME WALLABY PRINCE
AND THEY ALL LIVED HOPPILY EVER AFTER
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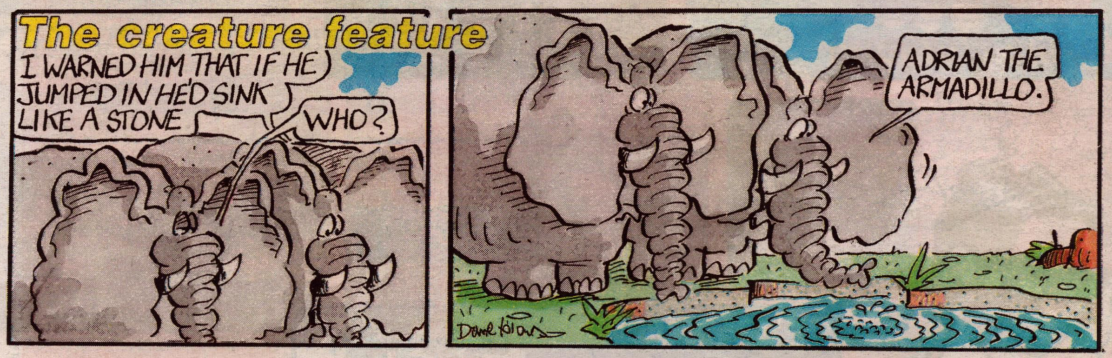
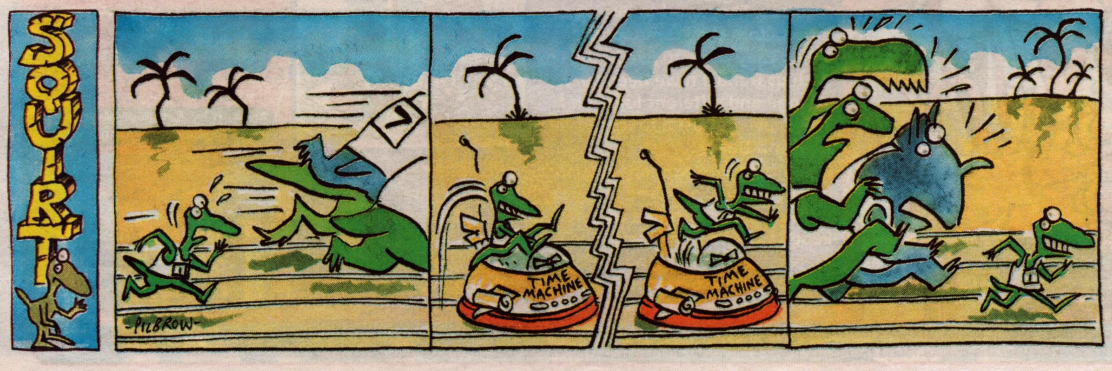

The creature feature
I WARNED HIM THAT IF HE JUMPED IN HE'D SINK LIKE A STONE
WHO?
ADRIAN THE ARMADILLO.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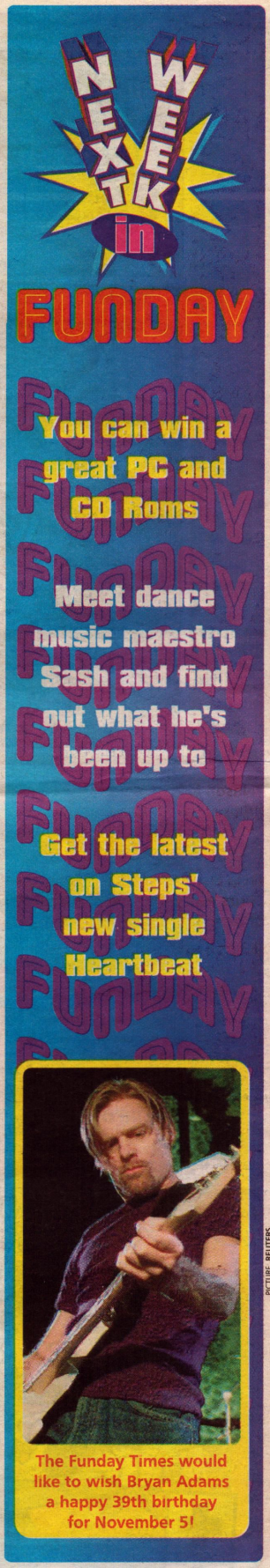
TIME MACHINE
TIME MACHINE
PILBROW


NEXT WEEK in FUNDAY
You can win a great PC and CD Roms
Meet dance music maestro Sash and find out what he's been up to
Get the latest on Steps' new single Heartbeat
The Funday Times would like to wish Bryan Adams a happy 39th birthday for November 5!
PICTURE: REUTERS

THE FUNDAY TIMES

sport

Jason Campeau

Just in time for the cold weather, the ice hockey season has started up again. Interest in the game is increasing all the time in Britain, with new teams starting up at all levels – including Super League new boys the London Knights. The Knights played their first-ever game at their new home, the London Arena, a couple of days ago and look set to become one of the best teams in the country over the coming years. They have the facilities and the ambition, and we're tipping Jason Campeau will turn out to be one of their top stars.

- Jason is 23 years old, and comes originally from Canada. He came to England when London Knights talent-spotters signed him up
- He trains at the ice rink for three hours every day and also spends a lot of time in the gym
- Jason's favourite TV programme is The Simpsons, and he's also a big fan of film star Demi Moore
- He has been playing ice hockey since the age of five and says his ambition is to be "The best player that I can be!"
- Jason likes playing golf and, when he's back in Canada, he loves going sledding with his two pet dogs!

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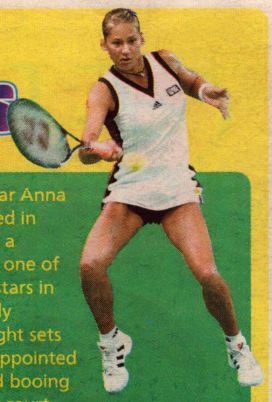

Russian tennis superstar Anna Kournikova was jeered in Moscow after losing a match. Anna, who is one of the best-loved sports stars in Russia, lost to a relatively unknown player in straight sets and then heard the disappointed home fans whistling and booing at her as she walked off court.

Golfer Mark O'Meara has been crowned Player of the Year after a great season that saw him win two major titles, including The Open. O'Meara, who is one of Tiger Woods' closest friends, also won the Masters tournament in America and the World Matchplay tournament, which was held at Wentworth last month.

Manchester United have followed in the footsteps of the Spice Girls and Michael Jackson by signing a deal to promote Pepsi. The Reds, who are hardly short of money anyway, are expected to get around £500,000 from the giant drinks company – about enough to cover their wage bill for a week or two.

MUTV Treat

WIN!

If you're mad about Manchester United, then keep reading. We've teamed up with MUTV (Manchester United TV, the world's first daily football club channel) to give one lucky reader and a guardian the chance to spend a day with this pioneering new TV channel at Old Trafford (transport included).

Accompany the crew as they scoop interviews with the team's big names and watch the players train at the Cliff. Then finish off the day with a tour of the studios at Old Trafford.

Three runners-up will each get a football signed by the team, plus a MUTV goody bag including a T-shirt and cap.

For further information on MUTV call 0870 8486888

To win, tell us who is currently captain of Manchester United.

Answers to The Fun Club address, on page 2, by November 11

MUTV

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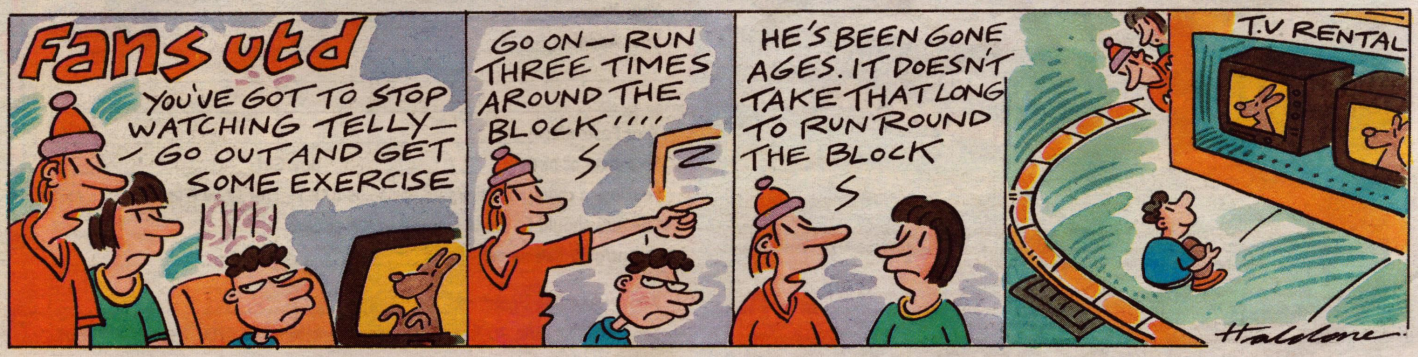

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